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A D V I S O R Y   C O M M I T T E E

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**1.      Call to order.**

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chair Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:36 p.m. on November 16, 1998, at Franklin Canyon Park, Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

**2.      Roll call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Jerome Daniel, Arthur Eck, John Hisserich, Michael Berger, Vice-Chair, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., Steve Horn, Jeffrey Schwartz, and Jim Youngson. Quorum present.

**3.      Roll call of Advisory Committee**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown, David Green, George Lange, Linda Palmer, Rick Putnam, Jeff Seymour, Don Robinson, Kenneth Warner, Alan Kishbaugh, Vice-Chair, and Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Chair. The following members were in attendance subsequent to roll call: Kathy Caldwell and Arla Crane. The following members were absent: Bonnie Carpenter, Lesley Devine, and Chris Evans. Quorum was present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director;

Belinda V. Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Senior Staff Counsel; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director, Natural Resources and Planning; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer, Program Development; Paul Edelman, Division Chief; Walt Young, Division Chief; Lisa Soghor, Design Services and Streisand Center Director; Reva Concoff, Chief of Staff; Torrie Byers, Staff Counsel; Bob Blumenfield, Director of Government Affairs; and Dawn De Vere, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General.

#### **4. Reports**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Collins, Mr. Brown, and the Chair.

#### **5. Oral reports by Division Chiefs.**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Paul Edelman, Northern Division Chief.

[Ms. Crane arrived at 7:47 p.m.]

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Lange, the Chair, and Ms. Palmer.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Walt Young, Southern Division Chief.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Daniel.

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y t h e E x e c u t i v e D i r e c t o r .

**6. Introduction of Americorps crews.**

T h e D e p u t y E x e c u t i v e O f f i c e r i n t r o d u c e d t h e r e p r e s e n t a t i v e s  
o f t h e A m e r i c o r p s c r e w s .

M e l i n d a D e n n i s , r e p r e s e n t i n g t h e A m e r i c o r p s c r e w s , s p o k e  
a b o u t A m e r i c o r p s .

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y t h e C h a i r .

Q u e s t i o n s w e r e p r o p o u n d e d b y M e s s r s . L a n g e a n d B e r g e r  
a n d t h e C h a i r .

**7. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

N o p u b l i c t e s t i m o n y w a s g i v e n .

[ M s . C a l d w e l l a r r i v e d a t 8 : 2 7 p . m . ]

**8. Preliminary discussion considering amending the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Strategic Plan to provide for a programmatic element concerning continued implementation of the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan.**

T h e E x e c u t i v e D i r e c t o r p r e s e n t e d t h e s t a f f r e p o r t f o r t h i s  
i t e m .

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y M s . B r i n e r - S c h m i d t .

Q u e s t i o n s w e r e p r o p o u n d e d b y M r . P u t n a m .

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y t h e E x e c u t i v e D i r e c t o r , M r .  
P u t n a m , a n d M r . B r o w n .

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Q u e s t i o n s w e r e p r o p o u n d e d b y t h e C h a i r .

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y t h e E x e c u t i v e D i r e c t o r .

Q u e s t i o n s w e r e p r o p o u n d e d b y M r . H i s s e r i c h .

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y M r . E c k .

- 9. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority make a grant to the Friends of the Los Angeles River for a public outreach program related to the restoration of Taylor Yard adjacent to the Los Angeles River, City of Los Angeles.**

T h e E x e c u t i v e D i r e c t o r p r e s e n t e d t h e s t a f f r e p o r t f o r t h i s i t e m .

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

O n m o t i o n o f M r . S e y m o u r , d u l y s e c o n d e d , t h e A d v i s o r y C o m m i t t e e r e c o m m e n d e d a d o p t i o n o f R e s o l u t i o n N o . 9 8 - 1 1 3

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

O n m o t i o n o f M r . E c k , d u l y s e c o n d e d , t h e C o n s e r v a n c y a d o p t e d R e s o l u t i o n N o . 9 8 - 1 1 3 .

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 10. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A funds under Section 3(c)(2)(FF)(iv) earmarked for projects near Eagle Rock, City of Los Angeles.**

T h e E x e c u t i v e D i r e c t o r p r e s e n t e d t h e s t a f f r e p o r t f o r t h i s i t e m .

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

O n m o t i o n o f M s . C r a n e , d u l y s e c o n d e d , t h e A d v i s o r y C o m m i t t e e r e c o m m e n d e d a d o p t i o n o f R e s o l u t i o n N o . 9 8 - 1 1 4 .

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

O n m o t i o n o f M r . E c k , d u l y s e c o n d e d , t h e C o n s e r v a n c y  
a d o p t e d R e s o l u t i o n N o . 9 8 - 1 1 4 .

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an offer of donation of approximately 30 acres of land from Mr. and Mrs. William C. Schreiber, west of Ladyface Mountain, Westlake Village.**

T h e E x e c u t i v e D i r e c t o r p r e s e n t e d t h e s t a f f r e p o r t f o r t h i s  
i t e m .

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Q u e s t i o n s w e r e p r o p o u n d e d b y M r . B r o w n .

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y t h e E x e c u t i v e D i r e c t o r , t h e  
D e p u t y D i r e c t o r o f N a t u r a l R e s o u r c e s a n d P l a n n i n g , M r .  
R o b i n s o n , a n d M s . P a l m e r .

Q u e s t i o n s w e r e p r o p o u n d e d b y M r . L a n g e a n d M r . B r o w n .

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y M r . R o b i n s o n .

O n m o t i o n o f M r . R o b i n s o n , d u l y s e c o n d e d , t h e A d v i s o r y  
C o m m i t t e e r e c o m m e n d e d a d o p t i o n o f R e s o l u t i o n N o . 9 8 -  
1 1 5 .

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

O n m o t i o n o f M r . D a n i e l , d u l y s e c o n d e d , t h e C o n s e r v a n c y  
a d o p t e d R e s o l u t i o n N o . 9 8 - 1 1 5 .

Q u e s t i o n s w e r e p r o p o u n d e d b y M r . W a r n e r .

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**12. Consideration of revised comment letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors regarding Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, Santa Clarita area, County of Los Angeles.**

T h e E x e c u t i v e D i r e c t o r p r e s e n t e d t h e s t a f f r e p o r t f o r t h i s

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item .

Q u e s t i o n s w e r e p r o p o u n d e d b y M s . B r i n e r - S c h m i d t .

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y M r . P u t n a m .

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Q u e s t i o n s w e r e p r o p o u n d e d b y M e s s r s . R o b i n s o n a n d G r e e n  
a n d M s . P a l m e r .

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y M r . B r o w n .

Q u e s t i o n s w e r e p r o p o u n d e d b y M s . B r i n e r - S c h m i d t a n d M r .  
L a n g e .

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y M r . P u t n a m .

Q u e s t i o n s w e r e p r o p o u n d e d b y M r . G r e e n .

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y M s . P a l m e r a n d M r . R o b i n s o n .

O n m o t i o n o f M r . L a n g e , d u l y s e c o n d e d , t h e A d v i s o r y  
C o m m i t t e e r e c o m m e n d e d a d o p t i o n o f R e s o l u t i o n N o . 9 8 -  
1 1 6 .

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Q u e s t i o n s w e r e p r o p o u n d e d b y M r . D a n i e l .

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y M r . P u t n a m .

Q u e s t i o n s w e r e p r o p o u n d e d b y t h e C h a i r .

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y M r . P u t n a m .

Q u e s t i o n s w e r e p r o p o u n d e d b y M r . B e r g e r .

O n m o t i o n o f M r . D a n i e l , d u l y s e c o n d e d , t h e C o n s e r v a n c y  
a d o p t e d R e s o l u t i o n N o . 9 8 - 1 1 6 .

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 13. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept the donation of a vacant parcel located at 21073 Mulholland Drive, Woodland Hills, from Dr. and Mrs. Walter M. Kearns.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded to staff by Messrs. Brown and Lange.

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-117.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 98-117.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 14. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for Proposition A Competitive Grant Funds in the Natural Lands Restoration category for acquisition of Piuma Ridge properties in the Cold Creek and Dark Canyon watersheds, unincorporated Los Angeles County. [Coastal Zone item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by Mr. Brown and Ms. Palmer.

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-118.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

O n m o t i o n o f M r. H i s s e r i c h, d u l y s e c o n d e d, t h e  
C o n s e r v a n c y a d o p t e d R e s o l u t i o n N o. 9 8 - 1 1 8 .

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 15. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for Proposition A Competitive Grant Funds in the Natural Lands Restoration and Rivers and Streams categories for acquisition of the Youngblood properties in the Cold Creek watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County. [Coastal Zone item]**

T h e E x e c u t i v e D i r e c t o r p r e s e n t e d t h e s t a f f r e p o r t f o r t h i s  
i t e m .

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y M r. B r o w n a n d M s. P a l m e r .

O n m o t i o n o f M r. R o b i n s o n, d u l y s e c o n d e d, t h e A d v i s o r y  
C o m m i t t e e r e c o m m e n d e d a d o p t i o n o f R e s o l u t i o n N o. 9 8 -  
1 1 9 .

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

O n m o t i o n o f M r. H i s s e r i c h, d u l y s e c o n d e d, t h e  
C o n s e r v a n c y a d o p t e d R e s o l u t i o n N o. 9 8 - 1 1 9 .

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Proposition A Santa Monica Bay Competitive Grant Program for acquisition of the Escondido Falls property, City of Malibu. [Coastal Zone item]**

T h e E x e c u t i v e D i r e c t o r p r e s e n t e d t h e s t a f f r e p o r t o n t h i s  
i t e m .

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y M r. B r o w n .



Q u e s t i o n s   w e r e   p r o p o u n d e d   b y   M r .   R o b i n s o n   a n d   M s .  
P a l m e r .

O n   m o t i o n   o f   M r .   K i s h b a u g h ,   d u l y   s e c o n d e d ,   t h e   A d v i s o r y  
C o m m i t t e e   r e c o m m e n d e d   a d o p t i o n   o f   R e s o l u t i o n   N o .   9 8 -  
1 2 0 .

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

O n   m o t i o n   o f   M r .   H i s s e r i c h ,   d u l y   s e c o n d e d ,   t h e  
C o n s e r v a n c y   a d o p t e d   R e s o l u t i o n   N o .   9 8 - 1 2 0 .

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 17.      Consideration of resolution authorizing application for Proposition A Competitive Grant Funds in the Trails Acquisition and Development category for acquisition of the Saddle Tree property and Balboa Boulevard Rim of the Valley trail segment, Sylmar District, City of Los Angeles.**

T h e   E x e c u t i v e   D i r e c t o r   p r e s e n t e d   t h e   s t a f f   r e p o r t   f o r   t h i s  
i t e m .

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

O n   m o t i o n   o f   M r .   R o b i n s o n ,   d u l y   s e c o n d e d ,   t h e   A d v i s o r y  
C o m m i t t e e   r e c o m m e n d e d   a d o p t i o n   o f   R e s o l u t i o n   N o .   9 8 -  
1 2 1 .

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

O n   m o t i o n   o f   M r .   D a n i e l ,   d u l y   s e c o n d e d ,   t h e   C o n s e r v a n c y  
a d o p t e d   R e s o l u t i o n   N o .   9 8 - 1 2 1 .

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 18.      Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority co-apply with the Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council for Proposition A Competitive Grant Funds in the Trails Acquisition and Development category for Summit-Valley-Edmund D. Edelman Park trail improvements.**

T h e   E x e c u t i v e   D i r e c t o r   p r e s e n t e d   t h e   s t a f f   r e p o r t   f o r   t h i s  
i t e m .

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y M s . P a l m e r .

O n m o t i o n o f M r . L a n g e , d u l y s e c o n d e d , t h e A d v i s o r y  
C o m m i t t e e r e c o m m e n d e d a d o p t i o n o f R e s o l u t i o n N o . 9 8 -  
1 2 2 .

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

O n m o t i o n o f M r . D a n i e l , d u l y s e c o n d e d , t h e C o n s e r v a n c y  
a d o p t e d R e s o l u t i o n N o . 9 8 - 1 2 2 .

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 19. Consideration of resolution authorizing application for Proposition A Competitive Grant Funds in the Natural Lands Restoration category for Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor property, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

T h e E x e c u t i v e D i r e c t o r p r e s e n t e d t h e s t a f f r e p o r t f o r t h i s  
i t e m .

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

C o m m e n t s w e r e m a d e b y M r . B r o w n .

O n m o t i o n o f M s . P a l m e r , d u l y s e c o n d e d , t h e A d v i s o r y  
C o m m i t t e e r e c o m m e n d e d a d o p t i o n o f R e s o l u t i o n N o . 9 8 -  
1 2 3 .

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

O n m o t i o n o f M r . D a n i e l , d u l y s e c o n d e d , t h e C o n s e r v a n c y  
a d o p t e d R e s o l u t i o n N o . 9 8 - 1 2 3 .

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 20. Consideration of resolution authorizing application for Proposition A Competitive Grant Funds in the Natural Lands Restoration category for Mulholland Gateway Park adjacent property, City of Los Angeles and unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

T h i s i t e m w a s n o t h e a r d .

**21. Minutes**

The open session minutes of December 15, 1997 and October 19, 1998 were submitted for approval.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

The open session minutes of December 15, 1997 and October 19, 1998 were approved as submitted.

- 22. Closed Session (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) paragraphs (1)-(5) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Tucker Land Company*; *Los Amigos De Caballero Canyon v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Hill v. State of California*; *Brandon v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; and *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.**

The Chair called a closed session at 10:10 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 et seq. of the Government Code to discuss agenda item 22 and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority agenda item XIII.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 10:14 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to the Attorney General regarding settlement of litigation.

**23. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

The Executive Director spoke regarding the Lawry's California Center acquisition.

**24. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on December 14, 1998 at Lawry's California Center.

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a t 1 0 : 2 1 p . m .

R e s p e c t f u l l y s u b m i t t e d :

A p p r o v e d :

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP  
E x e c u t i v e D i r e c t o r

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE  
C h a i r p e r s o n